

**CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Long Prairie City Hall - 615 Lake Street
Wednesday, August 26th, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Long Prairie City Council Meeting was called to order at City Hall at 7:00 pm, on Wednesday August 26th, 2026. Mayor Jim Kreemer called the meeting to order with Present Council Members Clint Krueger, Lilah Gripne, and Gabriel Perez and JoAnn Schroeder. Also present: City Administrator Candace Bruder, Chief Ryan Hanson, Police Officers: Joseph Rivera Robles, Lateshia Harden. City Engineer Kent Louwagie, and Fire Chief Dan Laumeier and Volunteer Firefighter Jeremy Sovich – Others present.

Consent Calendar

- (a) **Approve Agenda for August 26th, 2026**
- (b) **Approve Work Session Minutes from August 6th, 2026**
- (c) **Approve Meeting Minutes for August 12th, 2026**
- (d) **Approve Bills July 17th, 2026-August 20th, 2026, in the amount of \$2,137,061.50**

Council Member Gripne motioned to Approve the Consent Calendar; motion was seconded by Council Member Schroeder. Unanimously Approved.

Public Comment

Jeff Koehn and Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst spoke on the permanent outdoor ice rink and soldiers' field and would like to be put back on the council agenda for the next meeting to discuss further.

Reta Dahlen discussed Riverside Park.

New Business

Council Member Krueger motioned to approve the 2025 City of Long Prairie Audited Financial Statements by Schlenner Wenner & Co.; motion was Seconded by Council Member Gripne. Unanimously Approved

Council Member Krueger motioned to approve St. Mary's of Mount Carmel Proposed Route for the 5K Hot Cake Hustle; motion was Seconded by Mayor Kreemer. Unanimously Approved

Council Member Schroeder motioned to approve the Donation Request for Todd County Enviro Fest on September 17, 2026, for \$250; motion was Seconded by Council Member Gripne. Unanimously Approved.

Mayor Kreemer motioned to approve Resolution No. 26-08-26-20 for the City of Long Prairie to Make Application to Accept Funds from Sourcewell; motion was Seconded by Council Member Krueger. Unanimously Approved.

Council Member Krueger motioned to approve Request to Authorize Bolton and Menk to proceed with the LRIP Grant Application for 1st St South and 9th Street Northeast Improvement not to exceed \$5,000; motion was Seconded by Council Member Schroeder. Unanimously Approved.

Mayor Kreemer motioned to approve Pay App. No 5 to Hy-Tec Construction \$50,934.17 Airport Hangar 200 x 40 Project; motion was Seconded by Council Member Krueger. Unanimously Approved.

Council Member Schroeder motioned to approve Bolton and Menk to complete the Potential BDPI Funding Application for MN Fresh Utility Extensions; motion was Seconded by Council Member Gripne. Unanimously Approved.

Mayor Kreemer motioned to approve the Removal of Callaway Neumann from all City of Long Prairie Financial Accounts; motion was Seconded by Council Member Gripne. Unanimously Approved.

Council Member Krueger motioned to approve the creation and research of a New Office Position as a Planning, Licensing & Code Enforcement Clerk; motion was Seconded by Mayor Kreemer. Unanimously Approved.

Discussion from Council Member Schroeder to add agenda item number ten to hire a 7th full-time police officer to current agenda.

Council Member Schroeder motioned to hire one full-time police officer to the Long Prairie Police Department, with the stipulations that the Police Administrative Assistant will do all scheduling of police officers, new hire will follow all DOJ Grant Requirements and Qualifications, hiring will be by a hiring committee; motion was Seconded by Council Member Krueger. Perez-Yes, Kreemer-No, Krueger-Yes, Gripne-No and Schroeder-Yes. Motion Passed.

There being no further business, Council Member Krueger motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion was Seconded by Council Member Gripne; unanimously approved meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Candace Bruder, City Administrator/Clerk

James Kreemer, Mayor